

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 3, "Pharmacy Technicians," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments clarify that a certified pharmacy technician must maintain both the Iowa registration and the national technician certification in good standing in order to practice as a certified pharmacy technician in Iowa.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of these rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the November 3, 2010, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9193B**. The Board received no written comments regarding the proposed amendments. The adopted amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

The amendments were approved during the January 11, 2011, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

These amendments will become effective on April 13, 2011.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.6A.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 657—3.3(155A), introductory paragraph, as follows:

657—3.3(155A) Registration required. Any person employed in Iowa as a pharmacy technician, except a pharmacist-intern whose pharmacist-intern registration is in good standing with the board, shall obtain and maintain during such employment a current registration as a certified pharmacy technician, pharmacy technician trainee, or uncertified pharmacy technician pursuant to these rules. An individual accepting employment as a pharmacy technician in Iowa who fails to register as a certified pharmacy technician, technician trainee, or uncertified technician as provided by these rules may be subject to disciplinary sanctions. A certified pharmacy technician accepting employment as a certified pharmacy technician in Iowa who fails to register as a certified pharmacy technician or who fails to maintain national certification may be subject to disciplinary sanctions.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 657—3.5(155A), introductory paragraph, as follows:

657—3.5(155A) Certification of pharmacy technicians. Except as provided in rule 657—3.6(155A) or subrule 3.5(3), effective July 1, 2010, all pharmacy technicians shall be required to be nationally certified as provided by this rule. National certification does not replace the need for licensed pharmacist control over the performance of delegated functions, nor does national certification exempt the pharmacy technician from registration pursuant to these rules. A certified pharmacy technician shall maintain the technician's national certification, in addition to the technician's Iowa registration, during any period of employment in an Iowa pharmacy as a certified pharmacy technician.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 657—3.12(155A) as follows:

657—3.12(155A) Registration certificates. The certificate of technician registration issued by the board to a certified pharmacy technician, pharmacy technician trainee, or uncertified pharmacy technician is the property of and shall be maintained by the registered technician. The certificate or a copy of the certificate shall be maintained in each pharmacy where the pharmacy technician works. Each pharmacy utilizing pharmacy technicians shall be responsible for verifying that all pharmacy technicians working

in the pharmacy are registered, ~~and~~ that technician registrations remain current and active, and that a certified pharmacy technician's national certification remains current and active.

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